

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday May 19th 2025 8:30AM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure and Jennifer Knebel with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were Tom Miller, Nathan Origer, Marie Roth, Joe Moyer, Gary Kruger, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Tim Hollandsworth, Natasha Daugherty, Megan Galbreath and Chris Schramm.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: TOM MILLER, VACATE ALLEY

Tom would like to have the alley running along his property vacated. Michael said there is a landowner there who does not want the alley closed. There could be a fire truck issue. Jennifer is concerned about right-of-ways for landowners. If Mark Ingram would want to develop his east lots, there is no access but 119. Jennifer suggested looking into this further but Michael sees no reason to close the alley. Tom is wanting about ¼ mile of alley closed (from E 300S to E Crestview Drive) but is mostly interested in alley bordering his property and Jerry Tuley's down to Frank Stone's property. Tom asked if alley isn't closed, would the County maintain it as alley is now covered with grass and trees. Highway Superintendent Gary Kruger said it would need to be brought up to standards as now just a dirt alley. Tom said they do not want to see it used as a public right-of-way. Michael says he sees no reason to close the alley and in the past when a neighbor objected, County did not shut it. Donald tabled this matter to have more discussion with Gary.

IN RE: NATHAN ORIGER, CDC**1. Courthouse Project**

Owner's contingency's current balance is \$139,365.16. Have spent about \$25,000., out of contingency, most for window repairs.

B. Change Orders

No change orders since window repairs. Have reached settlement with Luminaut and R. E. Diamond regarding the HVAC-scope issue. Between the 2 companies and the manufacturer, half of the cost of the change order is being refunded to Pulaski County. There are still a handful of small jobs than need to be addressed by future change orders.

C. Project Progress:

Luminaut's punch-list walkthrough is tentatively scheduled for June 3rd. Interior work will mostly be done by that time. This is about a month earlier than Nathan expected.

Work occurring recently: site work for landscaping and grass seeding, demolition of Meridian Street and pavement between Howard's and Justice Center, concrete pours on both sides of the north stairs, electrical supply to light at flagpole, installation of missing blocks on west side, installation of refrigerant in air-conditioning system, ceiling wallpaper installation, new fiber line from Justice Center, light fixtures, carpentry, painting and staining.

Work to be completed before walkthrough: meeting room wallpaper, more carpentry, painting and staining, flooring work, return of some refinished pre-existing furniture, electrical odds-and-ends, last-minute changes to scope, concrete pours and installation of ADA pads, possibly the paving of Meridian Street and driveway/parking area.

Work to be completed before occupancy: punch-list corrections, paving, landscaping, furniture delivery and installation, return of pre-existing furniture, IT installation, moving files, personal effects, ribbon-cutting celebration.

Furniture has been ordered and should be delivered June 15th.

IN RE: MARIE ROTH, HEALTH

Health Department wants to purchase 2 Verizon Mobile Hotspot devices as they currently lack reliable internet access in the field. The requested mobile hotspots will directly address these issues by enabling real-time data access during the course of completing food, well and septic inspections, vaccine clinics, presentations to outside partners/schools, emergency planning scenarios and incident management. Michael made a motion to approve purchase, Jennifer seconded. With no discussion, motion carried unanimously. Jennifer requested a restaurant inspection report since January 1 2025.

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign regular session minutes from May 5th, Michael seconded. With no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Michael made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #10, Jennifer seconded. With no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Revised Ordinance 2025-10 was discussed. Sheriff Schramm explained the revisions from original ordinance: Requirement of driver's license-turn signals-horn were removed, ordinance name is changed to "An Ordinance regulating the use of off-road vehicles", electric bicycle was removed from definition of off-road vehicles as they require no permit and accidents needs to be reported to Sheriff or DNR officers. Many inspections have been completed and Monterey has set up a day for officer to come and do inspections. Sheriff would set up days in other communities if desired. Jennifer asked if any other counties are doing this. Chris said Pulaski was one of just two counties only allowing off-road vehicles on county roads for farmers, solar and construction. Most counties have a broader ordinance. Michael made a motion to approve and sign the revised Ordinance 2025-10, Jennifer seconded. With no discussion, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10

An ordinance regulating the use of Off Road Vehicles

Board of Commissioners Pulaski County, IN

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners as follows:

Golf cart" means a four-wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one or more individuals and golf clubs for the purpose of playing the game of golf on a golf course, as defined in IC [9-13-2-69.7](#).

"Financial responsibility" means liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than the amount required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

"Off-road vehicle" means a motor driven vehicle capable of cross-country travel:

1. Without benefit of a road; and
2. On or immediately over land, water, snow, ice marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain;
3. And the term includes the following:
 - a. A multi-wheel drive or low-pressure tire vehicle;
 - b. An amphibious machine;
 - c. A ground effect air cushion vehicle;
 - d. An all-terrain vehicle as defined in IC [14-8-2-5.7](#);
 - e. A recreational off-highway vehicle as defined in IC [14-8-2-233.5](#);
 - f. Other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind;
4. And the term does not include the following:
 - a. A farm vehicle being used for farming, including, but not limited to, a farm wagon as defined in IC [9-13-2-60\(2\)](#);
 - b. A vehicle used for military or law enforcement purposes;
 - c. A construction, mining, or other industrial related vehicle used in performance of the vehicle's common function, including, but not limited to, a farm wagon as defined in IC [9-13-2-60\(2\)](#);

- d. A snowmobile (as defined by IC [9-13-2-261](#));
- e. A registered aircraft;
- f. Any other vehicle property registered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
- g. Any watercraft that is registered under Indiana statutes;
- h. A golf cart vehicle

PLACE AND TIME OF OPERATION

Golf carts and off-road vehicles may not be operated upon, along, or on the public highways, roads, or bridges within the unincorporated areas of Pulaski County except as provided in this section.

B. Golf carts and off-road vehicles may be operated upon, along, or on the public highways, roads, or bridges within the unincorporated areas of Pulaski County, only between sunrise and sunset.

C. Golf carts and off-road vehicles may cross a highway in the state highway system, at right angles, in order to travel from one Pulaski County highway to another Pulaski County highway when the operation can be done safely.

OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND OFF ROAD VEHICLES

Golf carts and off-road vehicles may not be operated on public highways unless all of the following conditions are met:

- A. A golf cart or off-road vehicle operator must be 16 years of age,
- B. The operator of a golf cart or off-road vehicle must carry proof of financial responsibility when operating a golf cart or off-road vehicle on a highway.
- C. Golf carts and off-road vehicles shall be operated in compliance with all traffic laws and regulations of the State of Indiana regarding motor vehicles.
- D. The number of occupants in a golf cart or off-road vehicle shall not exceed the capacity shown on the golf cart or off-road vehicle's registration.
- E. No one under two years of age may ride on a golf cart or off-road vehicle, and no one under 10 years of age shall be allowed on the back seat of a golf cart or off-road vehicle.
- F. All passengers must be seated while the golf cart or off-road vehicle is in motion.

VEHICLE STANDARDS

Golf carts and off-road vehicles operating on public roads in Pulaski County shall meet the following requirements:

- 1. Brakes in good working condition;
- 2. Equipped with manufacturer's serial number plate, rear view mirror, headlights, taillights, brake lights, front and rear reflectors;
- 3. Vehicle seating capacity shall not exceed the vehicle's manufactured capacity;
- 4. The vehicle displays a triangular "slow moving vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle in accordance with IC [9-21-9-2](#); and
- 5. The vehicle displays a registration sticker issued by the Sheriff in a location that is in plain sight.
- 6. Golf carts and off-road vehicles operating on public roads in Pulaski County shall be in good working condition.

REGISTRATION OF GOLF CARTS AND OFF ROAD VEHICLES

The owner of a golf cart or off-road vehicle to be operated on highways in Pulaski County must register the golf cart or off-road vehicle at the Sheriff's office annually. Golf cart and off-road vehicle registrations will be valid for one year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st each calendar year.

B. In order to register a golf cart or off-road vehicle, the owner shall submit to the Sheriff a registration application which shall include the following:

1. Owner shall provide the following information or certifications about the vehicle:
 - a. Make, model and year of golf cart or off-road vehicle if available;
 - b. Serial number of golf cart or off-road vehicle if available;
 - c. Vehicle capacity recommended by manufacture;
 - d. Vehicle is a "golf cart" or "off-road vehicle" as defined by state law.
 - e. Brakes are in good working condition;
 - f. Equipped with manufacturer's serial number plate, rear view mirror, headlights, taillights, brake lights, front and rear reflectors;
 - g. The golf cart or off-road vehicle displays a triangular "slow moving vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle in accordance with IC 9-21-9-2.
2. Must be 16 years of age to operate the vehicle. If under the age of 18 must wear a helmet;
3. Proof of financial responsibility;
4. Mailing address and telephone number of owner; and
5. Annual registration fee.
6. The duty to notify a conservation or law enforcement officer with jurisdiction where an accident involving a Regulated Vehicle occurs by the quickest means of communication.

C. The Sheriff shall review each registration application for compliance with this section.

1. In the event that an application meets the foregoing registration requirements, the Sheriff shall:
 - a. Designate a unique registration number for a newly registered golf cart or off-road vehicle and retain the golf cart or off-road vehicle's registration information;
 - b. Issue a registration decal bearing the golf cart or off-road vehicle's registration number to the owner of a newly registered golf cart or off-road vehicle; and
 - c. Issue a registration decal bearing the calendar year to the owner.
2. In the event that an application fails to meet the foregoing registration requirements, the Sheriff shall return the application materials to the applicant and delineate the reasons the registration application is rejected.

D. The Sheriff shall maintain a record of:

1. Registration acceptances and denials;
2. List of all golf carts and off-road vehicles with active registrations; and
3. Registration documents submitted by owners of actively registered golf carts and off-road vehicles.

FEES AND EXPENSES

A. The annual golf cart or off-road vehicle registration fee shall be \$25.00. With the issuance of the golf cart or off-road vehicle registration, the Sheriff shall furnish a registration sticker to the owner.

B. Fees collected under this section shall be placed in the Sheriff's Accident Report Account No. 1101

C. Expenditures related to the performance of the Sheriff's duties in registering and inspecting golf carts and off-road vehicles shall be made from Sheriff's Accident Report Account No. ___1101___ pursuant to the claims process of the Board of Commissioners.

PENALTY

Operation of a golf cart or off-road vehicle on a highway in Pulaski County in violation of this chapter shall constitute an ordinance violation and the owner or operator shall be liable for a fine in the amount of \$200.00.

EXCEPTIONS

A. Employees, agents and officials of the State of Indiana, Pulaski County Government, and municipalities within Pulaski County while engaged in government business are exempt from application of this chapter.

B. Subject to the discretion of the Sheriff, temporary exceptions to this chapter may be granted to participants in parades, festivals and other special events.

Jennifer made a motion to approve submitted conference request, Michael seconded. With no discussion, motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH: Marie Roth, Health at Home/Beyond Conference, Plainfield, June 9-11

Nathan met with Leeann Wright of Community Foundation and they think it is time that Pulaski County apply for an OCRA planning grant to update the County's Comprehensive Plan, which has not been updated since 2009. Nathan will get everything started with the Plan Commission.

Tim Hollandsworth of VS Engineering presented an independent engineer contract for County. This is on an "as needed" basis and an hourly rate. Jennifer would like to discuss this further as she wants someone local due to the mileage cost from Indianapolis. County Attorney Ahler has reviewed the contract and said it is heavily in favor of VS Engineering and offers limited damages to the County. Donald requested County Attorney work with VS on a more neutral contract.

Tim said there was recently a truck, which turned over but no injuries. He thinks truck was empty. Pile driving will be complete by middle of June. Road dusting continues and solar is reacting quickly on problems. Roadwork continues on 800 & 600. A trail camera has been damaged and replaced. Issuing citations and fees for violations.

Jennifer received emails from citizens with complaints of trash and use of strobe lights at night. There are also complaints of the setbacks that are supposed to be 150' and some are only 25-30'. Needs to be rectified so this does not come back on the County. Jennifer thinks production should stop to address issues. Jacob said there are 2 permits coming up in June and not sure they will be approved. Jacob will follow through.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Lambert: Thanked Commissioners for passing ORV ordinance. There was no construction this past weekend but drones were flying very low over their property. Sheriff Schramm said this is free air space down to the ground. Gravel trucks have been going east, fully loaded and on the wrong roads. She is concerned about fencing in the wrong place. County has an ordinance, make solar adhere to it. Dust control is still an issue.

Connie Ehrlich: County ordinance clearly state 150' setbacks and should be enforced. Solar ran cabling under a non-solar property. While they removed the cabling, solar had cut down multiple trees and this issue is unresolved. Connie is concerned with the timing of the ORV ordinance due to the already increased traffic. The County's comprehensive plan is a legal long-term document that cannot be changed easily. She would like to see a committee put together with some County residents.

Joe Moyer: Concerned that the ORV ordinance was put together too fast and that the Planning Commission cannot get a quorum. Makes it look like they are dragging their feet.

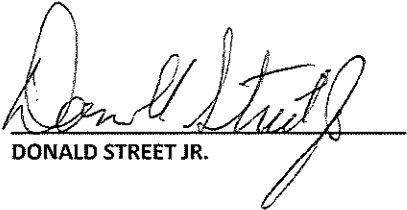
Darrel Gudeman: Back in January, he asked how many acres are under contract with solar companies and he has never gotten a response. He disagrees with the ORV ordinance as ORV can be driven on right-of-way without permit. Maybe farmers should be exempt. Just another tax.

Natasha Daugherty: This is EMS week. While installing new shower, pipe leaks were found. Donald told her to have repaired as soon as possible as emergency.

Jennifer asked County Attorney on whether Commissioners should be responding to any questions brought up in public comment. Jacob said Commissioners can respond but are not required. The issue with responding is it opens up a discussion that can be time consuming.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, Michael made a motion to adjourn at 9:43AM, Jennifer seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Approved and signed this 16th day of June 2025 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.


DONALD STREET JR.


MICHAEL MCCLURE


JENNIFER KNEBEL

ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN